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ANTIGEN BINDING FRAGMENTS THAT SPECIFICALLY DETECT CANCER CELLS, NUCLEOTIDES ENCODING THE FRAGMENTS, AND

USE THEREOF FOR THE

PROPHYLAXIS AND DETECTION OF

CANCERS

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Box RCE **Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This response accompanies a Request for Continued Examination. A final office action was mailed on June 3, 2002 (Paper No. 20), for which a response was due on September 3, 2002. An Amendment was filed on August 2, 2003. A Notice of Appeal was filed on December 3, 2002, setting the time for filing an Appeal Brief to expire on Feb. 3, 2003. A one-month extension of time is requested to extend the time for filing an Appeal Brief to March 3, 2003. Thus, this Request for Continued Examination and Amendment is timely filed.

The Advisory Action mailed Dec. 31, 2003 indicated that the Amendment submitted on August 2, 2002 was not entered.